I Robert Goddard of lawful Age testify and declare that on the Evening of the 5th Instant between the hours of nine & ten, I heard the a Bell ring, upon which I ran toward the Town house. and heard a Cry for help, in King street, I went & stood near the Centry Box by the Custom house, I saw an Officer come toward the Box, with a party of Men, having a drawn sword in his hand I heard him frequently repeat "Clear the way" the Party then drew up near where the Centinel stood, and order'd his men to stand with their Bayonets charg'd. The then said "Boys stand off or we shall wound some of you; You had better stand off" A Sailor then struck the Officer, upon which he said "damn you I will not be us'd in such a manner" immediately he said Fire upon which the Soldiers stood for a short space. The Officer then said "Damn your Bloods Fire" I immediately heard I saw One Musquet discharg'd, which was directly followd by several others. I saw four men laying dead on the ground one of which was the deceas'd Crispus Attucks Michael Johnson. The Officer order'd his men to stand with their Bayonets charg'd, after which I help'd to carry the deceas'd into Mr Stones, and the Officer march'd off with his party with his drawn sword in his hand —

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N. B. W. Goddard was desired to go up to the Goal in order to Know if he knew the man, and he way Satisfyed that it was the Same person, or Officer that Commanded the Detachment.

Lieutenant James Bassett Commanded the main Guard after Capt Preston march'd off with the Detachment. and Said before the Jury of Inquest that Corporal Wems went off with the said Detachment.

The above taken by Thomas Dawes Coroner. Inquisition on S. Gray

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